

### Interview Summary

**Application No.**

10/552,152

**Applicant(s)**

TANIGUCHI ET AL.

**Examiner**

MELANIE J. HAND

**Art Unit**

3761

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) MELANIE J. HAND.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Shuji Yoshizaki.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 23 July 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hosokawa (US 6703451), Quinicy (WO 00/50098).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant requested interview to show that Hosokawa does not disclose an antibacterial metal and that the titanium or zirconium disclosed does not provide an antibacterial function. Similarly, applicant also argues that Quinicy does not remedy this deficiency of Hosokawa. Examiner agrees and may reopen prosecution upon any after-final response submitted by applicant.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Melanie J Hand/  
Examiner, Art Unit 3761

Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an  
Attachment to a signed Office action.